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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.





MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MAG-16 1-31 January 1970.

PART ONE

Organization Data

Navy Officers - 4

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1. LtCol Peter C. SCAGLIONE, JR., Commanding Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   Maj Edward H. WAISH, Executive Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    Maj Frank P. ACCOMANDO, Base Operations Officer, 1-2 Jan70
    Maj Herman F. MISITIS, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-23 Jan70
   Maj Rudolph M. NEBEL, Officer in Charge, MATCU-68, 1-31 Jan70
    Capt Roger R. BURK, Industrial Relations Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    Capt Jack W. WHEELER, Motor Transport Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    Capt Joseph C. MATTE, Communications Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    Capt Carl E. LAMEY, Crash Crew Officer, 1-31 Jan70, Base OperationsO 3-31Jan 70
    Capt Earl P. BASHER, Assistant Officer in Charge MATCU-68, 1-31 Jan70
    Capt Gordon P. STIRLING, Operations Officer MATCU-68, 1-31 Jan70
   Capt James E. HOLK, Maintenance Officer MATOU-68, 1-31 Jan70
   Capt Kenneth A. SWANNACK, Clubs Officer, 1-28 Jan70
   1stLt Robert M. WILLMAN, Legal Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt Walter F. HOLTAN, TAFDS Officer, 1-11 Jan70
   lstLt Francis L. GUALANDRI, Material Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   lstLt John B. CHAMPEAU, Utilities Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt Thomas J. FARREIL, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer, 11-31 Jan70
   1stLt Harold C. KERN, Provost Marshal, 1-31 Jan70
   lstLt Thomas N. TUTHILL, GCA Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   lstLt Philip A. GRZANICH, GCA Officer, 1-28 Jan70
   1stLt Richard C. JONELY, Tower Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   lstLt James R. BOWMAN, GCA Officer, 1-8 Jan70
   1stLt Bobby C. ARNSDORFF, Embarkation Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt Louis P. ALT, Civil Affairs Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt James T. STOZ, Provost Marshal, Phu Bai, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt Adrian J. Gordon, Assistant Legal Officer, 22-31 Jan70
   2ndLt William FOWLER, Executive Officer, Zulu Company, 1-31 Jan70
    2ndLt Bruce D. LITTLE, Assistant Communications Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    2ndLt Louis MCLAURIN, Communications Officer, Phu Bai, 1-31 Jan70
   2ndLt Gerald D. JORDAN, TAFDS Officer, 8-31 Jan70
   2ndLt James A. WARD, Heavy Equipment Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   CWO-3 Edward A. G. DOWNES, Ordnance Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    CVO-2 Francis E. L. BRIDGES, Assistant Crash Crew Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    CWO-2 Neil B. LABELLE, Weather Officer, 1-31 Jan70
    CWO-2 Charles A. ZILTERMAN, Administrative Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   LtCdr Edward L. GALLAGHER, Catholic Chaplain, 1-31 Jan70
   LtCdr James F. LYONS, Group Medical Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   Lt Henry G. COOK, Protestant Chaplain, 1-31 Jan70
    Lt Paul H. DUMDEY, Squadron Medical Officer, 1-31 Jan70
   1stLt Malcom S. SMITH, GCA Officer, 8-31 Jan 70
                                             Marine Enlisted - 913
2. Marine Officers - 36
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Enclosure (1)

Navy Enlisted - 23



Narrative Summary

1. This report covers the period 1-31 January 1970. During this period MABS-16 continued to support the facilities at Marble Mountain Air Facility, An Hoa Air Field, LZ Baldy, Hill 55 and Phu Bai.

Significant Events

- 1. <u>Personnel</u>. Six (6) Marine Officers and Ninety-seven (97) Marine Enlisted were dropped. Three (3) Marine Officers and Eighty-seven (87) Marine Enlisted were joined. There were the following promotions one (1) to Lieutenant Colonel, one (1) to Sergeant, Two (2) to Corporal, Sixteen (16) to Lance Corporal and Four (4) to Private First Class.
- 2. Administration. On 1 January 1970 Lieutenant Colonel P. C. SCAGLIONE, JR. was promoted to his present rank.
- 3. Awards. During the month of January 1970, there were seven (7) Strike/Flight Air Medals awarded to MABS-16 personnel.
- 4. <u>Casualties</u>. The following casualties were reported during the month of January 1970.

Cpl Kenneth T. LOMERS 240 94 08/3516 USMC, Laceration of Forehead LCpl Ronald E. SCHULTZ 246 43 44/1391 USMC, Abrasion right elbow Cpl Michael R. JAMES 248 52 20/0141 USMC, DAI Helo accident LCpl John W. WIISON 249 90 56/3261 USMC, penetrating wound bottom right foot, stepped on nail PFC Robert L. HIGGINS 251 09 55/3531 USMC, sprained right ankle, fell off side of a truck

5. Civic Action

- a. During the month of January 1970, the MAG-16 Civic Action provided MEDCAPS to the Hamlets of Nui Kim Son and Binh Ky. Dent-Caps were initiated in Binh Ky. Expansion of this program is expected to include Nui Kim Son and Khac Bac hamlets. Medical treatment was rendered to 846 people during the month of January.
- b. A total of 52 2x6's, 10 bags of cement and 6 sheets of tin were delivered to the Nui Kim Son school to be used in the construction of a breeze way and milk house for the students. In addition to the building materials approximately forty (40) reams of lined and unlined tablets were given to the school. Twenty (20) General Walt Scholarships were given at the Nui Kim Son school. Additional school books and paper were also given to Khac Bac school. Binh Ky school which had been without teachers, now has two Vietnamese teachers who began teaching on 19 January. MAG-16 provided Binh Ky school with textbooks (120), paper (50 reams) and pencils.



- c. The construction of a Town Meeting Hall (constructed by the village) has been completed at Binh Ky. 20 bags of cement used on the floor were given by MAG-16 Civil Affairs. The building is used by the Village Chief for conducting civil matters and is also used by the R.D.C. to give lectures to the people. Two pallets of bricks have been taken to Binh Ky to be used in the construction of a market place which will begin after Tet. Another well pump has been placed in Binh Ky and is being used extensively. Several wells have been refaced with cement and cleaned up. The pig project at Khac Bac is a continuing success. Two of the pig pens have had cement floors poured, with the villagers providing some of the help. The boar and sow will be mated after Tet. A pesticide program is to be started in Khac Bac after Tet. Six spray cans (5 gallon capacity), will be supplied by Wing.
- 6. Ground Defense. Contact with the VC/NVA during the month of January was one rocket attack on 5 Jan 70. The casualty and damage report was negative.
- 7. Supply/Material. The following occurred in the Material Section during the month of January 1970.
 - a. Held a complete reconciliation of all Marine Corps documents.
 - b. Issued the Mess Hall twenty-five (25) Trash and Garbage cans.
- c. Provided the Mess Hall (9000) nine thousand paper plates, plastic knives, forks and spoons.
 - d. Requistioned (20,000) board feet of 2x4, 1x12, 1x6, 1x8, 1x4, and 4x4.
- e. The Navy surveyed (1) Cabinet Security, (1) Typewriter, (9) 10,000 gal. collapsable Water Tank, and (1) 350 GPM Pump, all were placed on order.
- f. Transferred two (2) 5KW floodlights, (4) M35Al Trucks, (1) M107 Trailer, (1) M800 Truck, (1) M725 Ambulance, (1) M715 Truck, (4) M100 Trailers, (2) F2A Trailers and (1) M63A2 Refuelers to HMM-361.
 - g. Received Disposition Instructions on (7) M107 Trailers.
- h. Transferred (1) 20KW Generator, (5) M35A2C Trucks, (2) M15IAl Jeeps, (1) M800 Truck, (2) M715 Trucks, (3) M107 Trailers, (1) M100 Trailer, (1) Luber, (3) M63A2 Refuelers and (1) M49 Truck to VMO-2.

Weapons

- a. Issued (34) weapons to individuals departing RVN.
- $b_{\:\raisebox{1pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$ Verified all serial numbers of in stock weapons with Marine Corps Property ${\:\raisebox{3pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$
- - d. Issued (150) weapons and recovered (64).



- a. The annual Actual Embarkation report was submitted.
- b. An additional embarkation man was assigned to this section to give assistance in the annual Actual Embarkation report.

Billeting

a. The Officers of HMH 361 have checked out.

Personal Effects

- a. Received personal effects of (6) men for safe keeping.
- b. Released personal effects of (6) men from safe keeping.
- c. Made (6) shipments of personal effects.
- 8. Motor Transport. During the month of January, the Motor Transport Section traveled 90,365 miles, transported 25,506 passengers, hauled 71,200 gallons of water, hauled 23,757 gallons of MOGAS, hauled 28,666 gallons of diesel fuel, hauled 181,299 gallons of JP-4, hauled Ø gallons of Av-oil, hauled 650 gallons of 115/145, hauled 530 tons of cargo.
- 9. TAFDS. During the month of January 1970, TAFDS Section issued the following amount of fuel at the locations indicated below:

LOCATION	<u>115/145</u>	<u>JP-4</u>
Marble Mountain An Hoa Hill 55 LZ Baldy Phu Bai	N/A 881 Gal N/A N/A 50,432 Gal	835,159 Gal 115,567 Gal 44,240 Gal 193,713 Gal 486,261 Gal
TOTAL	51,313 Gal	1,674,940 Gal

- (2) Plans for fuel farm at An Hoa submitted. Will have 80,000 gallon capacity upon completion.
- (3) Plans for new tank farm at MMAF east side of runway submitted. Will have 60,000 gallon capacity upon completion.
- (4) Work on new east side fuel farm started approximately 6 January. Work stopped approximately 9 January. Nothing has been accomplished since that date.

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- 10. Base Operations. During the month of January 1970, the following events took place:
 - a. 3Jan70 VIP Helo pad completed and ready for use.
- b. 3Jan70 Capt C. E. LAMEY relieved Maj F. P. ACCOMANDO as Base Operations Officer.
- c. 4Jan70 At 0045 Marble Mountain was under rocket attack. One round hit a MEDEVAC Aircraft revetment causing extensive damage to the revetment.

Orash Crew

a. Personnel

(1) Marble Mountain Air Facility	27
(2) U. S. Army Augumentation	5
(3) An Hoa	8
(4) LZ Baldy	6
(5) Phu Bai	19

b. Equipment

MMAF

Equipment assigned this section consists of:
 One (1) 715
 Seven (7) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks (4) Pending Survey
 One (1) MB-1 Crash Fire Truck
 One (1) 1700 Structual Fire Truck
 Two (2) W/T
 One (1) Stake Truck
 Two (2) 530B (1) Pending Survey (1) One out of Country
 Three (3) M116A1

LZ BALDY

(1) One (1) MB-5 Crash Fire Truck

One (1) 6x6 One (1) 530B Two (2) M116A1

An Hoa

(1) One (1) MB-5 Crash Fire Truck
One (1) 1700 Structual Fire Truck
Two (2) M116A1
One (1) 6x6





PHU BAI

- (1) Two (2) 715
 - Three (3) MB-5 Crash Fire Trucks One (1) W/T

 - One (1) RW/F
 - One (1) 5300
 - One (1) Ml16A1
- c. Emergency Responses
 - (1) Marble Mountain Air Facility

Aircraft Emergency Responses 18	Aircraft Fires O	Structural Responses 11	Structural Fires 4
A/C Hover Checks	Standby De	fuels	Standby Washdowns

Air Freight and Passenger Section

a. The total monthly operations conducted by Marble Mountain Air Facility Air Freight Section during the month of January 1970 is as follows:

		PAX	WEIGHT	CUFT
An Hoa Phu Bai LZ Baldy Other		128 493 135 62	74,171 104,635 70,825 550	1446 7980 1641 60
	TATOT	818	250,181	11,127

Tower

- The total monthly operations conducted by Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 68 during the month of January 1970 are as follows:
 - 1. Air control

a.	MMAF Tower	-VFR SVFR IFR TOTAL	26,747 818 2 27,567	MMAF GCA	_VFR IFR TOTAL	40 <u>536</u> 576
b.	An Hoa Tower	-VFR SVFR TOTAL	172 <u>5,016</u> 5,188	An Hoa GCA-	_VFR IFR TOTAL	0 <u>13</u> 13
c.	Baldy Tower	-VFR	10,235	Baldy GCA	-VFR	3







Weather

a. During the month of January 1970, the Weather Section continued to support all Marine Aircraft Group 16 operations in the Marble Mountain, An Hoa and LZ Baldy areas.

11. Food Service

- a. There were approximately 216,400 meals fed at the Marble Mountain Air Facility Messhall's during the month of January, which included all normal meals and party rations. Bread and Donuts for the month of January were issued from the Red Beach Bakery. The messhall is required to pick up the donuts three (3) times a week and bread each day. Marble Mountain Messhall used approximately 4200 lbs of flour for the preparation of pastries, pies, and rolls for party rations. Fresh and dry stores were procured from NSA.
- b. Construction of a new scullery in the E-Mess has been completed. On the job training was conducted for all personnel of the messhall and has been properly recorded. The area between the Staff-Mess still needs a draining system.

12. Base Services/Utilities

- a. <u>Water Point</u>. During the month of January 1970, the Utilities Water Point distributed a total of 4,285,500 gallons of potable water. Of this a total of 121,925 gallons were distributed to other units outside of MAG-16.
- b. <u>Paint Shop</u>. During the month of January 1970, the Utilities Paint Shop completed a total of 28 work orders. Signs were painted for MAG-16 Executive Officer, TAFDS and MAG-16 Messhalls.
- c. Electric Shop. During the month of January 1970 the Utilities Electric Shop completed a total of 78 work orders. The lines at Heavy Equipment were repaired. Flourescent lights were installed at Warehouse #2, Group Supply. Power was connected to the huts belonging to the Enlisted Messhall. 220 volt lines were ran at the Dental Trailer for an air conditioner. The Medevac Trailers were supplied with power. The electrical wiring and fixtures were repaired in hut #431. Additional recepticals were installed at MABS-16 Squadron Office. MAG-16 Legal Office was completely rewired to correspond with the remodeling being done there. Minor electrical repairs were made throughout the living area. The Utilities Electric Shop also has a man working as a generator operator at An Hoa to supply emergency power to the flight line. A man is supplied for normal off duty hours to answer any electrical problems that arise. The Electric Shop completed the above with a total of eight men.
- d. Plumbing Shop. During the month of January 1970 the Utilities Section Plumbing Shop completed a total of 27 work orders. Three sinks and a potato peeler were hooked up at the Enlisted Messhall. A water cooler was installed at Sick Bay. Many smaller jobs were also completed such as repairs to the enlisted shower, repairing leaks and unstopping drains.





- e. Refrigeration Shop. During the month of January 1970 the Utilities Refrigeration Shop completed a total of 33 work orders. Most of these were repairs on the air conditioners in the officer's living area. Water coolers and refrigerators were also repaired. Many units were sent to China Beach Refrigeration shop for repairs.
- f. Carpenter Shop. During the month of January 1970, the Utilities Carpenter Shop completed a total of 102 work orders. The roof at MATCU-68 was replaced. Construction of a boxing ring at the Enlisted Club, bus stop by the main gate and a building for Weather were completed. Embarkation boxes were built for the MAG-16 Sick Bay, VNO-2, and H&MS-16. Extensions were built on the MAG-16 Chapel. The bus stop at Motor Transport was relocated to the Officer's living area. Medical Offices at Sick Bay and fire barrel lids for VMO-2 were completed during the month of January 1970. Repairs were made to the handball court in the officer's living area, HML-367 hut area, doors at the Motor Transport huts and the bridge at the Enlisted Club. Concrete forms were built at Group Headquarters and the Officer's Club area. A rack for VMO-2 Paraloft, doors, shelves for Base Operations and cable line boxes were also completed. A bridge was constructed at HWH-361. A sauna bath, shower and weight room was installed at Special Services. An outdoor waiting room at Air Freight was dismantled. Many small work orders were completed throughout the living area. Lumber and plywood was issued to HMM-364, HMH-463, HML-167, TAFDS, HMM-263, Zulu Company and Heavy Equipment.
- g. Base Laundry. During the month of January 1970, the Base Laundry processed a total of 5,605bundles of clothing. An additional 5,425 pounds of organizational gear was processed for a total of 54,355 pounds of clothing processed. The individual bundle service remains open to all ranks.

13. Heavy Equipment

- a. <u>Maintenance</u>. For the month of January 1970 the maintenance section opened ten (1) work orders, of this, seven (7) were closed out. One (1) remains open from December.
- b. Operations. The operations section completed 248 equipment requests. the following breakdown is submitted.

ART 30	60
RTF 060	83
Y-40-C	60
15,000	0
72-31M scooploader	20
M12 Grader	1
Wabco Grader	5
M-60 Crane	0
P & H Crane	14
Bay City Crane	0
D-4 Dozer	_5_
TOTAL	248





- 14. Ordnance. During the month of January 1970, the MABS-16 Ordnance Section issued a total of 13,396 White Phosphorus and High Explosive 2.75" rockets. 787,450 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition and 2,474 of assorted smoke and chemical agents to the squadrons of MAG-16 and its support activities. An Hoa and LZ Baldy were issued 738 2.75" H.E. and W. P. rockets.
- 15. Exchange. During the month of January 1969, the Exchange and Facilities totaled as listed below:

Exchange	\$94,141.62
James E. LEE	5,975.95
Saehan Laboratories	4,728,55
Huynh PHUNG Laundry & Gift Shops	6,731.65
LOG SVP LTD Barber Shops	1,798.25
SAX Tailor	10,262.40
Photo & Engraving	1,686.55
Kong YONG Laundry	6,316.65
Kim YONG Portrait	78•35
Harilela's Tailor	7,989.50

Total

\$139,709.47



AN HOA AIRFIELD COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1969

- 1. During the month of January 1970, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with the following services, crash, fire, rescue, weather, refueling, ordnance and Air Traffic Control.
- 2. During the month of January, An Hoa Combat Base received only occasional light sniper fire on two occasions. This sniper fire was in the MATCU-68 area, there were no casualties and no groud attacks.
- 3. A brief description of activities are as follows.
- a. Weather. The weather Section provided meteorological services to the 5th Marine Regiment, Marble Mountain Air Facility and the AN HOA Air Traffic Control Tower.
- b. Communications. The Communications Section provided a Radio Link between AN HOA Airfield and Marble Mountain Air Facility. Traffic consisted of weather information and General Administrative Messages.
- c. <u>Grash Crew</u>. Crash Crew provided Crash, Fire, and Rescue Services to AN HOA-Combat Base. The Section Leader conducted the monthly Fire Inspection on the 18-20 January for AN HOA Combat Base. Crash Crew responded to the following:
- le January-Fuel Fire in drainage ditch adjacent to the Fuel Farm located at BAS.
 - 2 January-Controlled burning of excess fuel from ruptured TAFDS bag.
 - 3 January-CH-46 with blade damage.
 - 6 January-CH-46 with electrical fire.
 - 7 January-Cobra with battle damage
 - 11 January-Cobra with hudraulic failure.
 - 19 January-Cobra with Control problems.
- d. TAFDS. The TAFDS Section provided JP-4 and Aviation gas in the following amounts.

	115/145 AvGas	JP-4
NO. GAL REC'D	ø	130,957
NO, GAL ISSUED	815	127,453
NO. GAL ON HAND	ø	34,735
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e. Ordnance. The MAG-16 Detachment provided Ordnance support for all aircraft requesting same.

TYFE	ISSUED	ON HAND
H.E. ROCKETS	1099	618
W.P. ROCKETS	54	464
7.62 BELTED	114,500 rds	47,500 rds
50 Cal BELTED	608 rds	1,416 rds
40 m m belied	450 rds	400 rds
RED SMOKE	0	48 Grenades
GREEN SMOKE	0	24 Grenades
YELLOW SMOKE	6	16 Grenades

f. MATCU-68. During January 1970 provided Air Traffic Control services at AN HOA Airfield. These services consisted of Control Tower, Ground Controlled Approach Tacan, a TRN-16 Radio Beacon was put in service 7 January 1970. Airfield Operations for the month are as follows.

VFR	FEXED WING 282	HELICOPTER 4,734
Special	25	170
Radar Departures		7
GCA	3	10





LZ BALDY COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR JANUARY 1970

- 1. During the month of January 1970, the MAG-16 Detachment supported all transient aircraft with crash, fire, rescue services, weather, refueling services and Air Traffic Control Services.
- 2. No majoriancidents with the enemy occured during the month.
- 3. The Sea Bees have started work on the MedEvac Revetments. Finishing the surface of runway 4 has also commenced.
- 4. Col. BRUCE visited IZ Baldy on the 28 Jan 1970.
- 5. A brief summary of activities follows:
- a. Weather. Provided Meterological services to 7th Marine Regiment. Air Traffic Control, and MMAF.
- b. Communications. Passed weather and administrative information between MMAF and Baldy.
 - c. Crash Crew. Responded to the following calls:

07Jan70 - UH-LE - Hydraulic failure - landed safely. Generator fire(S.B) notassit.

OSJan70 - Fire in the Seabee's POL area - no assistance required.

26Jan70 - Fire at FLC garage. All crews responded. Fire extinguished with 400 gallons of water and one 30 lb. bottle PKP.

d. TAFDS. Provided JP-4 refueling services to all aircraft requesting this services except "Hot" refueling of AH-lg's.

NO. GAL REC'D

JP-4 217,580

NO. GAL ISSUED

193,713

NO. GAL ON HAND

91,121

e. Ordnance. On hand.

HE ROCKETS

WP ROCKETS

ON HAND

206 Plus 23/4 PALIETS

212 Plus 11/2 PALIETS (MOTORS

13/4 PALLETS(W.HEAD

7.62

BELIED 40 MM

40 MM

20 cases/800 rounds per case 42 cases/50 rounds per case 60 rounds

f. MATCU. Continued to provide Air Traffic Control Services with its first GCA's checking the radar prior to flight checking. Total Operations for Month: VFR OPERATIONS

10,235